Dear Connecticut Legislator,

I am writing this letter to express my strongest possible objection to HB 1094 which is the high capacity ammo magazine ban bill.

This bill being put forth has many impacts on the citizens of this state, but does not address the criminal activity which is already done through laws we already have. It only serves to punish law abiding citizens. I could address many of the issues surrounding the impacts of this bill like sport shooting, hunting, self defense, or the meaning of the second amendment as put forth by our founders. I will leave these for the many others who will undoubtedly be sending letters and making phone calls.

What I will address is the consistent and steady erosion of our civil liberties and the direct attack on our inalienable rights given to us through our constitution. If it is health care, executive abuse of power through administrative directions, or judicial activism our freedom and liberties are being eroded at a mind boggling rate.

I am a 45 year old father of three teenagers, career firefighter, military veteran, hard working, God fearing, church going, tax paying citizen of this state. With a stroke of the pen you will turn me into a felon. Is this what government is in business for. Is it the job of our elected officials to try and push through legislation that has been passed before and proven to be a failure. We all know criminals will always get what they want while the law abiding citizen gets punished. Knee jerk response to a sociopath's actions is not the way to legislate. There are many in this country who would love to strip the second amendment out of the constitution for their own reasons. It was placed there by our founders for a reason. I would hope there are few among us today who think they know better than them, for I do not think there are many who can rise to that level any where in history.

In closing I ask for your support in voting down this piece of legislation which will have zero affect on crime and will only result in turning thousand of law abiding citizens into common criminals with the passage of this terribly piece of legislation.

I want to thank you for your consideration and time in reading my correspondence.

Respectfully,

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